

PT4/ANNUAL EXAMINATION, 2022-23

ENGLISH

Time - 3 hrs.

Class – IX (Set-A)

M.M. – 80

Name of the student _____ Section _____ Date - 15.02.2023 (Wednesday)

SECTION - A

Q1 Read the passage given below.

- (1) The Syrian civil war is an ongoing multi-sided civil war in Syria fought between the Syrian Arab Republic led by Syrian president Bashar al-Assad, supported by domestic and foreign allies, and various domestic and foreign forces that oppose both the Syrian government and each other, in varying combinations.
- (2) Socio-economic inequality increased significantly after free market policies were initiated by Hafez al-Assad in his later years, and it accelerated after Bashar al-Assad came to power. With an emphasis on the service sector, these policies benefited a minority of the nation's population, mostly people who had connections with the government, and members of the Sunni merchant class of Damascus and Aleppo. The country also faced particularly high youth unemployment rates. At the start of the war, discontent against the government was strongest in Syria's poor areas. This coincided with the most intense drought ever recorded in Syria, which lasted from 2006 to 2011 and resulted in widespread crop failure, an increase in food prices and a mass migration of farming families to urban centres.
- (3) Unrest in Syria began on 15 March 2011 as part of the wider 2011 Arab Spring protests out of discontent with the Syrian government, eventually escalating to an armed conflict after protests calling for Assad's removal were violently suppressed. The war is currently being fought by several factions. The Syrian Armed Forces and its domestic and international allies represent the Syrian Arab Republic and the Assad regime. Opposed to it is the Syrian Interim Government, a big-tent alliance of pro democratic, nationalist opposition groups. Iran, Russia, and Hezbollah, the Lebanese Shia Islamist political party, support the Syrian Arab Republic. The U.S.-led international coalition, established in 2014 with the declared purpose of countering ISIL, has conducted airstrikes primarily against ISIL as well as some against government and pro-government targets.
- (4) The war has resulted in an estimated 600,000 deaths, making the Syrian civil war the second deadliest conflict of the 21st century after the Second Congo War. International organizations have accused virtually all sides involved, the Assad regime, ISIL, opposition groups, Iran, Russia, Turkey, and the U.S.-led coalition of severe human rights violations and massacres.

Answer the following questions:

(10×1=10)

- i) Mention which among the following are NOT the reasons behind the Syrian Civil War:

- I. Socio-economic inequality
- II. The rich Sunnis selling their lands
- III. Free market policies initiated by Hafez al-Assad
- IV. High youth unemployment rates.
- V. Flood

- A) II & V B) I & II C) I, III & IV D) III, IV & V

ii) Which of the following is a correct statement:

- I. The Syrian civil war is over
- II. It was fought between the Syrian African Republic and various domestic and foreign forces that oppose the Syrian government.

- A) Only I B) None C) Both D) Only II

iii) Fill in the blank:

_____, discontent against the government was strongest in Syria's poor areas.

- A) Towards the end of the war B) In the middle stage of the crisis
 C) At the start of the war D) Before the beginning of the Syrian crisis

iv) Look at the following statements and answer:

- I. There was a widespread crop failure and an increase in food prices.
- II. Syria suffered from Terrible droughts between 2006 and 2011.

- A) Statement I is correct and II is incorrect
 B) Statement I is the cause and II is the effect
 C) Statement II is correct and I is incorrect
 D) Statement II is the cause and I is the effect

v) Which word in paragraph 4 means the same as 'indiscriminate slaughter'?

- A) War B) Conflict C) Deadliest D) Massacre

vi) Who were benefited from Bashar al-Assad's policies?

vii) What was the result of suppressing the protests calling for Assad's removal?

viii) What is Hezbollah?

ix) State whether the following statement is True/False:

The Syrian civil war is the second deadliest conflict of the 21st century.

x) International organizations have accused _____ of the death of the 60000 people.

Q2 Read the passage carefully:

Every single day, in over 80 countries worldwide, more than 11500 ICRC field staffs are making a difference to people facing the consequences of conflict and violence. An independent and neutral organization, the ICRC is financed mainly by donations from government, national Red Cross and Red Crescent societies, supranational organizations

(such as the European Commission), regional organisations, municipal authorities, the private sector and members of the public. All funding is voluntary.

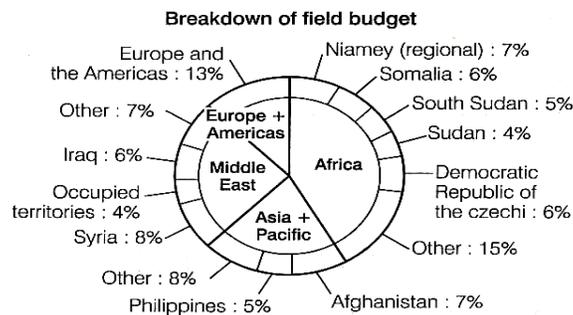
The ICRC's activities are based on assessments done by teams on the ground of the needs of people in its operations worldwide. Donors contribute according to these needs and have the opportunity to specify which country or programme they want to support when making a donation; however, it cannot accept donations for a specific school, village, project, groups of individuals or a specific area in a country.

At the end of each year, ICRC launches two budget appeals to convert its activities in the field and the headquarters during the coming year.

Apart from this, annual emergency appeals alert donors to the suffering of millions of people and show what it is doing to help these people, build their resilience and prevent further violations of their rights.

The ICRC does not wait to receive funds before it responds to urgent needs in the field, and counts on the goodwill of its contributors to provide the funds as quickly as possible. The ICRC's annual budget in recent years has been in the region of one billion Swiss francs. The ICRC accounts for its funding and expenditure in its annual report, which is available to the public.

Since its inception in 1863, the ICRC traditionally dealt with states. After World War II, there was a rise in non-international armed conflicts (civil wars) and internal violence. Consequently, in line with its role as a neutral, impartial humanitarian actor which is in dialogue with all parties in situations of armed conflict, the ICRC started engaging with non-state bodies such as armed groups and other actors like NGOs.



Answer the following questions on the basis of the passage you have read. (10 × 1 = 10)

- (i) In the line "all funding is voluntary" the word 'voluntary' DOES NOT refer to
 (a) Intentional (b) Spontaneous (c) Forcefully (d) Deliberate
- (ii) Choose the option that lists the correct answers for the following:
- I. A nation named XYZ wants to donate to the ICRC to work for a specific school that caters to specific groups of individuals. Will it be allowed to do so?
- II. A nation named PQR wants to aid a specific programme that further helps people of a specific location. Will it be allowed to do so?
- (a) Both XYZ and PQR will be allowed to donate.
 (b) XYZ won't be allowed but PQR will be allowed to donate.
 (c) XYZ will be allowed but PAR won't be allowed to donate.
 (d) Both XYZ and PQR won't be allowed to donate.

- (iii) Who warns the donors of the people's sufferings?
 (a) ICFC (b) Czech Republic (c) Africa (d) ICRC
- (iv) According to the data made public by ICRC, what is the maximum field budget used in?
 a) Europe and America b) Africa
 c) Middle-east d) Asia and Pacific
- (v) What is not true for ICRC among the given statements?
 (a) The ICRC helps in building resilience among the needy people.
 (b) The ICRC does not take funds for any specific organisations.
 (c) The ICRC does not wait to receive funds before it responds to urgent needs in the field.
 (d) The ICRC does not make its reports public.
- (vi) The ICRC came into being due to
 (a) increasing poverty.
 (b) increasing civil wars and internal violence
 (c) increasing medical problems
 (d) increasing exploitation of the downtrodden
- (vii) ICRC gives the donors the opportunity to do what?
- (viii) According to the given diagram, state whether true or false (T/F) : Allocation of field budget for south Sudan is greater than that for Iraq?
- (ix) How can we describe ICRC on the basis of its activities?
- (x) According to the passage, the ICRC is dependent on what?

Section – B (Writing & Grammar)

Q3. Write a descriptive paragraph:

- (A) You recently attended a wedding. The ostentatious display of wealth made you reflect on the disparity existing in society. Make a diary entry in 100-120 words expressing your feelings. (5)

OR

(B) Write a descriptive paragraph on Elvis Presley .



January 8, 1935 – August 16, 1977 – American singer –
 First album "Rock and Roll" in 1956 – 'Christmas Album's
 – 'That's the Way It Is'. (5)

Q4. Complete the story in 100 to 120 words which begins:

- (A) "Ogbuo was a poor but happy boy in Nairobi. He lived with his parents and four siblings. One day their lives changed when..." (5)

Add a suitable title.

OR

- (B) Compose a story based on the given outline (100 to 120 words). Do add a suitable title:
An abandoned ship – floats to the shore – some young men enter – experiences strange phenomena – Some/All escape (5)

Grammar

Q5. Attempt ANY TEN of the following questions. (1×10=10)

- i) Fill in the blank:
There isn't _____ cash left with us.
a) Some b) Many c) More d) much
- ii) Find which part of the sentence has an error:
(A) As soon as the (B) child saw it's mother, (C) it smiled with delight.
a) C b) A c) B d) No error
- iii) Fill in the blanks with the correct pair of words:
_____ looking for her _____, I couldn't find her.
(a) Despite; everywhere (b) In spite; somewhere
(c) Despite; anywhere (d) While; nowhere
- iv) By the next month, we shall _____ the project.
(a) has completed (b) completing (c) completed (d) have completed
- v) The Principal and Dean of our college _____ camping for the cause on behalf of the homeless.
(a) have been (b) were (c) was being (d) has been
- vi) Turn into indirect speech:
Aman said to Lila, "I have been feeling bored."
- vii) Identify the error in the given sentence:
Considering all the drawbacks of the contemporary era, the best known leader among them were Mahatma Gandhi, Sardar Patel and Jawaharlal Nehru.

Error	Correction

- viii) According to the prevailing rate, two dozens _____ rupees one hundred.
a) costs b) cost c) costing d) costed
- ix) Identify the error in the given sentence:
At times my heart cries out with the longing to see all these things, and I imagined what I must like to see if I were given the use of my eyes.

Error	Correction

- x) " _____ I offer you some more salmon, Your Excellency?", the deputy sounded flattering.
a) Must b) May c) Dare d) Should

- xi) There has been a landslide. You _____ be careful while driving there.
a) can b) must c) could d) would
- xii) Turn into indirect speech:
She said to me, "We were not planning to return to hostel."

Section - C (Literature - 40 Marks)

Q6. (A) Attempt ANY ONE of the two extracts given. (5)

"The culmination of her hard work and sincerity came in 1992, just four years after she had shyly asked the Aravalli mountaineers if she could join them. At barely twenty years of age, Santosh Yadav scaled Mt Everest, becoming the youngest woman in the world to achieve the feat. If her climbing skills, physical fitness, and mental strength impressed her seniors, her concern for others and desire to work together with them found her a special place in the hearts of fellow climbers.

Within twelve months, Santosh found herself a member of an Indo-Nepalese Women's Expedition that invited her to join them. She then scaled the Everest a second time, thus setting a record as the only woman to have scaled the Everest twice, and securing for herself and India a unique place in the annals of mountaineering."

- i) When did Santosh conquer Mount Everest the second time?
(a) In 1992 (b) In 1993 (c) In 1994 (d) In 1995
- (ii) Choose the option that lists the set of statements that are **not true** :
1. Santosh was a member of an Indo-Nepalese Women's Expedition.
 2. She was physically fit and mentally strong.
 3. Santosh's parents wanted her to become a sportsperson since her childhood.
 4. Santosh was always supported by her family to pursue her studies.
 5. Santosh had boldly asked the Aravalli mountaineers to let her join them.
 6. Santosh had genuine concern for fellow mountaineers.
- (a) 1, 2, 3 (b) 3, 4, 5 (c) 4, 5, 6 (d) 1, 5, 6
- (iii) Find a word in the above extract which means the same as 'journey for a purpose'.
(a) Expedition (b) Member (c) Scaled (d) Annal
- (iv) The word 'scaled' in the extract means _____
- (v) What made Santosh scale Mt Everest the second time?

OR

"Everyone in the High school, including my teachers, was aware of my plight. I was embarrassed as if somehow I were responsible. What a way to start off a new school! This was not the kind of attention I was looking for."

- (i) From the given lines, what can we gather about the speaker?
(a) He was blaming himself. (b) He was a teenager.
(c) He was very social. (d) He was an animal lover.
- (ii) Choose the option that lists the set of statements that are NOT TRUE according to the text:

